MAT-8429US PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No:

To Be Assigned

Applicant:

Hiroko Uenaka, et al

Filed:

Herewith

Title:

VIDEO SIGNAL RECORDING/PLAYBACK APPARATUS, VIDEO SIGNAL

PLAYBACK APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF RECORDING AND PLAYING BACK

VIDEO SIGNALS

TC/A.U.: Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following Japanese references are not in the English language:

- 1) JP 2000-228756
- 2) JP 2001-292422

References 1) and 2) include an English language abstract. Reference 1) includes a "concise explanation" under 37CFR § 1.98(a)(3) which is set forth in the background portion of the specification at page 3, line 20.

MAT-8429US PATENT

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-

referenced Application.

espectfully submitted

Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,515

Attorney for Applicants

LEA:ds

Enclosures: PTO Form 1449

(3) References

Dated: June 27, 2003

P.O. Box 980

Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980

(610) 407-0700

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 18-0350 of any fees associated with this communication.

EXPRESS MAIL

Mailing Label Number:

EV 321471578 US

Date of Deposit:

June 27, 2003

I hereby certify that this paper and fee are being deposited, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 and with sufficient postage, using the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service on the date indicated above and that the deposit is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Kathleen Libby

DAS_I:\MAT\8429US\IDS_01.DOC

PTO/SB/08A (AW 4/25/03) (04-03)
Approved for use through 04/30/2004, OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for Form 1449/PTO	C mplete if Known		
	Application Number	To Be Assigned	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	Herewith	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Hiroko Uenaka, et al	
(Use as many sheets as necessary)	Art Unit		
	Examiner Name		
SHEET 1 of 1	Attorney Docket No.	MAT-8429US	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
	Document Number			Pages, Columns, Lines, Where
Cite No.1	Number - Kind Code ^{2 (if known)}	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	US-5,701,383	12-23-1997	Russo, et al.	Entire Document
	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
5	612	Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
	Cite No.1	Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ^{5 (If known)}	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Applicant of Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T6
		JP-2000-228756 (with English Abstract)	08-15-2000	Matsushita Electric Ind. Co. Ltd.	Entire Document	
		JP-2001-292422 (with English Abstract)	10-19-2001	Sharp Corp.	Entire Document	
-						
						Ö

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	Į.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

¹See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3).

¹For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

³Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.

⁵Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:

Commissioner for Patents, P. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.